POWERFUL WORD BOOK

FINDING WORDS &

USING THEM WELL

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

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The Powerful Word Book has 8 sections. Each one gives different information about words and how they are used.

1. Parts of Speech

This section explains the eight ways in which words are used in a sentence. Each one of these ways is called a **part of speech.** Many words can be used as different parts of speech. For example, look at the word **catch** in these two sentences: "Catch the ball."

"That was a good catch."

In the first sentence, **catch** is a *verb*. In the second sentence, **catch** is a *noun*.

2. Words That Sound the Same

Many words sound the same but have different meanings. Use this section to check how to spell the word that you want to use. For example, if you are not sure whether to use close or clothes, you can check this list. The example sentences show how each word is used.

3.

Anna walks down the street. I walked home yesterday.

4. Words That Mean the Same Thing

You can use this section to help you to find just the right word when you are writing. For example, you might want to use different words instead of **nice** in these sentences:

We had a nice trip. The weather was very nice. I got to ride a nice horse, then we had a nice Lunch. The whole day was nice.

Doesn't this sound better?

We had a **pleasant** trip. The weather was very **agreeable**. I got to ride a **good-natured** horse, then we had a **delightful** lunch. The whole day was **fantastic**.

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PARTS OF SPEECH

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SPEECH

The eight **parts of speech** tell you how words are used in a sentence.

Noun: A noun is the name of a person, place, or thing.

Dog, ice, food, hour, freedom, idea are

nouns. "The dog fell on the ice."

"I really like your idea."

"It took an hour to get home."

Verb: A verb is the action word in a sentence.

Think, grow, eat, see, laugh are verbs.

"I think you are right."

"Whenever I see that clown, I laugh."

Adjective: An adjective tells you something about a noun.

Green, fast, tall, wonderful are adjectives.

"I spilled the green paint."

"That is a fast car."

"Have a wonderful time."

Pronoun: A pronoun takes the place of a noun.

I, me, my, you, he, him, she, her, it, we, us, they, them are pronouns. This, that, who, which, what are also pronouns.

"She gave him a cupcake."

"Are you the person who gave this to me?"

Adverb: An adverb tells you something about a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. It can tell you how, when, or where something happens,

Slowly, often, safely, very are adverbs.

"I slowly climbed the ladder."

"I often ride my bike to school."

"He is very happy."

Preposition: A **preposition** tells you how a noun or pronoun is related to another part of the sentence.

> In, on, over, under, to, from, before, through are prepositions.

"I fell **in** the river."

"We climbed through the window."

Conjunction: A conjunction connects two words or two parts of a sentence together.

And, but, if, or, because are conjunctions.

"Alice is tall and I am short."

"We should run, if we don't want to be late."

"I cleaned my room because it was messy."

Interjection: An interjection is a word of surprise, pain, joy, sorrow, or anger. Wow, ouch, oh, hello are interjections.
"Wow! You won five dollars!"

"Ouch! I hit my head on the door."

WORDS THAT SOUND THE SAME

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THAT

SOUND THE SAME

Some words have different spellings, but they sound the same. They are called homonyms. See if you can think of any other homonyms.

air — heir

We went out to get some fresh air. He is the heir to a large family fortune.

ate — eight

The dog ate my homework!
Julia has eight pencils.

be — bee

I will **be** there soon. Tom was stung by a **bee**.

by --- buy

She sat right by the door. I want to buy a puppy.

close — clothes

Close the door, please. My clothes got all wet.

dear — deer

Good morning, dear!
A deer ran across the road.

eye — I

Keep your **eye** on the ball. I ran all the way home.

fur — fir

Our cat is shedding its fur.

A fir is an evergreen tree. flower — flour

I picked a yellow flower on my way home. Pancakes are made with flour, milk, and eggs.

hear — here

I can't hear you over this loud music. I left my pencil right here.

hole — whole

My dog dug a hole in the yard. She ate the whole cake!

meet --- meat

Did you meet my brother? May I have some more meat, please?

no --- know

There is **no** cake left. I know the answer.

not - knot

He did not know what to say. Her shoelace was tied in a knot.

one --- won

Which one is mine? We won the game by three points.

our — hour

Let's go back to our house. I will be there in an hour.

pail --- pale

She filled her pail with sand. I wore a pale yellow shirt.

peek - peak

Let's peek out the window.

This is the highest mountain peak in the state.

plain — plane

Do you have a **plain** piece of paper? The **plane** flew right over our house.

rain — reign — rein

Kate got wet in the rain.
The queen's reign lasted twenty years.
The horse will turn if you pull on the rein.

red - read

He has **a red** bicycle. Martin has **read** four books this week.

right --- write

I got every answer **right** on the test. **Write** your name at the top of the page.

sale — sail

That house is for sale.
We are going to sail across the lake.

see — sea

Can you **see** any birds? I like to swim in the **sea**.

some — sum

Some of us are very hungry. What is the **sum** of seven plus four?

son — sur

Her son is my best friend. The sun is shining brightly today.

tale — tail

He told a **tale** about a magic horse. My cat has a bushy **tail.**

there — their — they're

We got there after dark.

Their house is across the street.

They're going away next week.

to — too — two

Give this note to your mother.

We have too many cats! My sister found two dollars.

waist — waste
I put the belt around my waist. I am trying not to waste water.

wait — weight

I had to wait for an hour.

The doctor measured my height and weight.

WORDS BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS

Word Beginnings

and

Endings

A prefix is part of a word that is joined to the beginning of another word or part of a word.

PREFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLES
anti-	Against	antifreeze, antislavery
astro-	of the stars	Astronaut
auto-	Self	autograph
bene-	good, well	benefit
bi-	Two	bicycle, binoculars
bio-	Life	biography, biology
cent-	one hundred	centipede, century
co-	together	cooperate, copilot
com-, con-	together, with	combine, contact, converse

PREFIX de-	MEANING Remove	EXAMPLES decode, destruction
deci-	ten, tenth	decibel, decimal
dis-	not, do the opposite	disagree, disappear, discover
eco-	of the environment	ecology, ecosystem
ex-	out of, from	excavate, exhale
extra-	Outside	extraterrestrial
geo-	Earth	geography, geology
giga-	one billion	gigabyte
hemi-	Half	hemisphere
homo-	same	homogenize, homonym
il-, im-, in-, ir-	Not	illegal, immature, inconsiderate, irresponsible
inter-	between	Internet, interstate
intro-	Into	introduce
micro-	very small	microscope

milli- one thousand, one millimeter, millipede

thousandth

PREFIX MEANING EXAMPLES

mis-badly, wronglymisbehavemulti-Manymulticultural

non- Not nonfiction, nonsense

Octa'- octo- Eight octagon, octopus

omni- All omnivore

ped- foot, feet pedal, pedestrian

poly- Many polygon

post-Afterpostpone, postscriptpre-Beforeprefix, prehistoric

quad-Fourquadrupedre-again, backwardrebuild, recycle

semi- half, part semiannual, semicircle

sub-Undersubmarinesuper-over, beyondsupervisor

tele- Distant telephone, telescope

trans- Across transcontinental, transport

tri- Three triangle, tricycle

PREFIX MEANING EXAMPLES ultra- very, extremely ultralight, ultrasound un- Not unfair, unsafe uni- One unicycle

A suffix is part of a word that is joined to the end of another word or part of a word. Many common suffixes change the meaning of the original word. For example, adding "ed" to the verb walk tells you that it happened in the past.

SUFFIX -ed -r, -or -er	MEANING in the past a person who does something more	EXAMPLES splashed, walked loser, worker, inventor, sailor greener, smaller
-est -ing -ly -ness	most continuing to happen makes an adjective into an adverb makes an adjective into a noun	greenest, smallest splashing, walking carefully, happily, peacefully, softly Happiness, peacefulness Softness
-ology -s, -es -s, -es -y	the study of more than one in the present having the quality of	biology, geology boots, classes splashes, walks salty, smelly, windy

WORDS THAT MEANING THE SAME THING

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The English language has many groups of words that mean *almost* the same thing. Words that have almost the same meaning are called **synonyms**. Synonyms can help you to avoid using the same word over and over again. Choosing the right synonym also helps you to say exactly what you mean.

The arrows in some entries point to similar or related words. If you don't find just the word you want under one entry, the arrows will help you find other choices. For example, the entry for **alone** has an arrow pointing to the word **\rightarrow** lonely. This tells you that you can find more similar words at the entry for lonely.

alone: lone, solitary, solo → lonely lonely: lonesome, homesick → alone

Some entries also include an arrow pointing to a word that means the opposite. For example, the entry for **alive** tells you that there is also an entry for **dead.** Words that have opposite meanings are called **antonyms.**

alive: living, growing → dead

dead: deceased, lifeless, departed, late ⇒ alive

able: capable, qualified

about: around, roughly, approximately affect (verb): influence, impress, move, sway

Note: Do not confuse affect with effect.

alive: living, growing → dead

alone: lone, solitary, solo ⇒lonely

answer¹ (verb): reply, respond, say

answer² (noun) 1: reply, response 2: solution, key

argue: quarrel, debate, dispute ⇒ fight

argument: quarrel, debate, dispute ⇒ fight

ask: request, inquire

attack (verb): invade, charge, assault, ambush, mug ⇒ fight

awful: terrible, horrible, dreadful

B

bad: wicked, evil, sinful, mischievous → good

beat: defeat, conquer, overcome, subdue

big: large, huge, enormous, vast

boat: ship, vessel, craft

A boat can be a canoe, kayak, rowboat, sailboat, yacht, fishing boat, tugboat, liner, tanker, or submarine.

boring: dull, uninteresting, monotonous → interesting brave: courageous, heroic, fearless, daring → scared

break: smash, shatter, crack, split → destroy build: construct, erect, assemble ⇒ make bunch: group, gang, pack, set, class, band but: however, although, though, yet, except

calm: peaceful, serene, tranquil, placid → quiet

careful: thorough, painstaking, accurate carry: bear, transport, convey, haul, take catch: capture, trap, snatch, arrest ⇒ seize change: vary, alter, transform, convert

chatter: babble, gibber, jabber, prattle ⇒ **talk** cheap 1: inexpensive, reasonable, affordable cheep 2: stingy thrifty, frugal, miserly

cheat: trick, deceive, fool, swindle, hoodwink child: baby infant, toddler, youngster, youth

choice: alternative, option, selection choose: select, pick, elect ⇒ decide

church: cathedral, chapel, temple, synagogue, mosque

clean1 (adjective): spotless, fresh, washed, unused, unsoiled,

sterile, pristine > dirty clean2 (verb): wash, cleanse, scour

close1 (verb): shut, fasten

close² (adjective): nearby ⇒ near

clothes: clothing, apparel, attire, garments

clumsy: awkward, ungainly

cold: cool, chilly, frosty, icy, freezing, frigid ⇒ cool

come: arrive, reach, approach, appear

comfortable: cozy, snug

common: ordinary, typical, familiar, everyday, widespread ⇒

normal, usual

complain: protest, gripe, grumble, whine, nag ⇒ object

complete: full, total, whole, entire complicated: complex, intricate confuse: puzzle, bewilder, confound

cool: chilly, brisk, fresh, nippy ⇒ cold copy: imitate, mimic, mock country: nation, state, land, homeland courage: bravery, fortitude, nerve cranky: cross, grouchy, fussy ⇒ mad crowd: multitude, host, mob, horde cry: weep, sob, wail, bawl, whimper, whine cut: chop, slice, carve

D

damp: moist, humid, clammy ⇒ wet danger: risk, peril, threat, hazard

dark: gloomy, murky, dusky, pitch-black

dim

dead: deceased, lifeless, departed, late

decide: settle, determine, rule, conclude, resolve ⇒ choose

decorate: adorn, trim, beautify **delay:** postpone, put *off*

delicious: tasty, appetizing, luscious → good

descend: sink, swoop, stoop ⇒ fall

destroy: wreck, spoil, ruin, demolish ⇒ break

different: distinct, various, diverse

dim: faint, indistinct, vague, obscure ⇒ dark

dirty: filthy, grimy, soiled, dingy

disappear: vanish, fade

discover 1: detect, uncover, unearth ⇒ find,

reveal 2: realize, learn ⇒ notice

dishonest: untruthful, untrustworthy, deceitful, crooked

do: accomplish, carry out, achieve

dog: hound, mongrel, mutt, canine, puppy

A dog can be a spaniel, beagle, dachshund, greyhound, collie, German shepherd, Great Dane, terrier, Dalmatian, or poodle.

door: doorway, entrance, entry, exit, gateway **doubt**¹ (verb): distrust, suspect, mistrust

doubt² (noun): distrust, suspicion, uncertainty
 dry: parched, arid, dehydrated
 duty: responsibility, obligation ⇒ job

E

Eager: enthusiastic, keen, avid easy: simple, effortless

eat: consume, devour, dine, feast

edge: border, rim, margin, boundary, brink effect (noun): result, outcome, consequence empty: vacant, unoccupied, uninhabited, hollow

enemy: opponent, rival, adversary

energy: vigor, vitality, liveliness ⇒ strength

enough: sufficient, ample, adequate

enter: go into, penetrate entertain: amuse, divert, cheer

escape: flee, elude, evade, avoid, dodge example: instance, case, sample, model expensive: costly, valuable, invaluable, dear explain: clarify, interpret, demonstrate

F

fair: just, impartial, equal ⇒ right faithful: loyal, devoted, true fake: artificial, imitation, counterfeit

fall: drop, collapse, plunge, topple, ⇒ descend famous: noted, eminent, prominent, notorious

far: distant, remote

fast: rapid, speedy, swift, quick fault: defect, failing, weakness, vice

fear: alarm, fright, dread, terror, panic, horror

few: several, couple, some

fight (noun or verb): struggle, battle, combat, conflict ⇒ argue,

argument, attack

find: locate, come across, spot

discover, reveal finish: complete, end, conclude, terminate, wind up

firm: hard, solid, stiff, steady fix: repair, mend, patch flower: blossom, bloom, bud

A flower can be a daisy, violet, tulip, daffodil, lily, petunia, rose, sunflower, magnolia, geranium, poinsettia, or orchid.

fly: soar, glide, float fog: mist, smog, haze

follow 1: come after, succeed, ensue 2: go after, pursue, chase, trail, track force: require, make, compel, coerce

forget: neglect, omit, overlook

forgive: pardon, excuse, absolve free: release, liberate, emancipate

save

freedom: liberty, independence

friend: nocrty, macpentates
friend: companion, comrade, ally
friendly: kind, sociable, cordial ⇒ nice, polite
fun: pleasure, enjoyment, joy, delight, ecstasy
funny: amusing, humorous, witty, hilarious, comical ⇒ silly

G

game: sport, pastime, competition, contest

gather: collect, assemble ⇒ save

gentle: mild, soft, tender

get: receive, obtain, acquire, gain

gift: present, donation

give: present, donate, grant, bestow go: proceed, progress ⇒ leave, travel

good: fine, excellent, splendid, outstanding ⇒ delicious, nice

grand: magnificent, stately, majestic, splendid

grateful: thankful, pleased, appreciative, indebted, obliged great: wonderful, terrific, superb, remarkable ⇒ good, grand,

nice

grow: develop, expand, increase, mature

grown-up: adult, mature, full-grown **guess:** suppose, imagine, estimate, think

H

habit: custom, practice, routine happen: occur, transpire happy: glad, cheerful, joyful

hard: difficult, tough, demanding, strenuous hate: dislike, despise, detest, abhor, loathe heavy: cumbersome, hefty, massive, ponderous

help: assist, aid, support

hide: conceal, cover up, disguise, camouflage

high: tall, lofty, towering

hire 1: engage, employ 2: rent, lease, charter hit: strike, punch, pound, slap, batter ⇒ knock

hole: hollow, cavity, pit holy: sacred, divine, hallowed

honest: truthful, trustworthy, honorable

hot: scalding, boiling, roasting, sizzling, sweltering → warm

house: home, apartment, dwelling, residence hunt: search, look for, seek, scour, investigate

hurry: rush, hasten, hustle

idea: thought, concept, impression, notion important: significant, major, main, principal ⇒ necessary information: knowledge, facts, news, data inside (adjective): inner, indoor, internal, interior interesting: fascinating, absorbing

jail: prison, penitentiary jealous: envious, resentful job: task, chore, errand, work ⇒ duty

join: connect, attach, link, fasten, unite joke: jest, gag, wisecrack, prank judge: referee, umpire, official jump: spring, leap, vault, hop



kindness: thoughtfulness, charity, mercy → pity knot: tangle, snarl

A knot can be a square knot, granny knot, overhand knot, state slipknot, or bow.

last: latest, final, ultimate, concluding, closing laugh: giggle, chuckle, snicker, roar, guffaw **lead 1:** show, guide, take, direct, conduct

lead 2: manage, supervise

leave: depart, exit, withdraw, abandon ⇒ go

let: allow, permit, authorize

lie: falsehood, fib

lift: raise, elevate, hoist, boost

like: enjoy, be fond of, care for \Rightarrow **love**

live: reside, dwell, stay

lively: active, energetic, vigorous lonely: lonesome, homesick ⇒ alone

long: lengthy, tall

look: see, watch, gaze, stare, glance

loud: noisy, deafening

love¹ (verb): adore, admire, worship ⇒ like love² (noun): affection, devotion, passion, fondness

M

mad: angry, upset, annoyed, furious ⇒ cranky make 1: create, manufacture, produce ⇒ build

make 2: compel ⇒ force

man: gentleman, boy, fellow, male, guy many: numerous, various, countless maybe: perhaps, possibly, conceivably

meal: feast, banquet, snack

mean: cruel, vicious, malicious, bad-tempered

melt: dissolve, thaw

middle: center, heart, hub, core, nucleus

mistake: error, slip, oversight

mix: combine, blend, merge, stir, whip modern: up-to-date, contemporary ⇒ new

money: wealth, cash, currency move: transfer, shift, remove myth: legend, fable ⇒ story

naked: nude, bare, bald near: close, nearby neat: tidy, orderly, trim

necessary: required, essential, indispensable ⇒ important

need: require, lack ⇒ want nervous: restless, fidgety, edgy, uptight new: fresh, original, recent, novel ⇒ modern

nice: pleasant, agreeable, good-natured, delightful, fantastic ⇒

friendly, good

noise: racket, din, uproar, clamor, hubbub normal: typical, average ⇒ common, usual notice: observe, note, perceive, see ⇒ discover

number 1: numeral, figure, digit number 2: amount, quantity

obey: mind, comply, heed, behave

object¹ (verb): protest, disapprove, disagree

argue, complain

object (ver): protest, disapprove, disagree ⇒ arg object² (noun): item ⇒ thing obvious: clear, plain, apparent, evident often: frequently, regularly, repeatedly old: elderly, aged, ancient, old-fashioned, antique

only: just, barely, hardly, merely open: ajar, uncovered, unfastened, unlocked

opposite: opposing, contradictory, contrary, conflicting

order: command, direct, instruct

outside (adjective): outer, outdoor, external, exterior

own: possess, hold

P

pain: ache, soreness, pang, twinge

part: piece, section, portion, segment, fragment perfect: ideal, flawless, faultless, impeccable persuade: convince, influence

□ urge

pet: caress, cuddle, fondle

pity: sympathy, compassion ⇒ kindness

place: location, locale, site plain: simple, uncomplicated polite: courteous, civil ⇒ friendly poor: needy, destitute, penniless, broke possible: practical, feasible, probable

pretty: beautiful, lovely, handsome, attractive, gorgeous,

exquisite

prevent: hinder, block, check, restrain ⇒ stop

promise: oath, vow, pledge, word **protect:** defend, guard, shield, shelter

proud 1: dignified, distinguished, self-respectingproud 2: conceited, vain, arrogant, egotisticpush: press, shove, nudge, thrust, poke

put: place, set, lay

quality: property, characteristic, character, trait question: query, inquiry quiet: silent, still, noiseless ⇔ calm

ready: prepared, set, available, qualified

real: genuine, actual

reason: purpose, cause, motive, explanation

refuse: reject, decline

remember: recall, recollect, reminisce

rich: wealthy, prosperous, affluent

right¹ (adjective): correct, accurate, true, exact ⇒ fair right² (noun): power, privilege round: circular, spherical, rotund

rude: impolite, discourteous, impudent, sassy, insolent

rule: govern, reign

S

sad: unhappy, miserable, gloomy, depressed, melancholy, blue

safe: secure, protected, snug, harmless

same: alike, identical, equal, equivalent, like, similar

save 1: rescue, deliver ⇒ free

save 2: keep, preserve, hoard ⇒ gather say: state, remark, exclaim ⇒ talk, tell scare: frighten, alarm, startle, terrify scared: afraid, frightened, terrified seize: take, grab, snatch ⇒ catch selfish: greedy, possessive, covetous

shake: vibrate, tremble, shudder, shiver, quiver, quake

silly: foolish, ridiculous, absurd

funny sleepy: drowsy, exhausted, worn-out

tired

slow: gradual, leisurely, sluggish small: little, tiny, miniature, minute

smart: intelligent, clever, bright, wise, learned **song:** tune, melody, jingle, theme, hymn **special:** specific, particular, unique, noteworthy

stop: halt, cease, terminate

finish

story: tale, narrative, account, history ⇒ myth strength: power, force, might ⇒ energy

strong: powerful, hardy, muscular, vigorous ⇒ tough

stupid: ignorant, unintelligent, dull, dumb **sure:** certain, positive, confident, definite **surprise:** startle, amaze, astonish, shock

T

talk: speak, discuss, chat, converse ⇒ say, chatter

teach: instruct, educate, train

tell: report, declare, inform, disclose, notify ⇒ say, talk, warn

thick: dense, compact

thin: slender, slim, lean, slight, skinny

thing: object, item, article

think: reason, ponder, contemplate, meditate

throw: pitch, toss, hurl, fling, cast

tired: exhausted, weary, worn-out → sleepy tool: instrument, utensil, implement, appliance

top: peak, summit, pinnacle

tough: sturdy, durable, rugged, stout ⇒ strong

trade: exchange, swap, switch, barter

travel: journey, voyage, cruise, commute ⇒ go

try: attempt, strive, struggle

turn: spin, revolve, rotate, twirl, swivel, wind

type: kind, sort, class, category

U

ugly: unattractive, unsightly, hideous under: below, beneath, underneath urge: coax, encourage, prod ⇒ persuade

use 1: employ, utilize
use 2: consume, exhaust
useful: helpful, practical, handy
useless: futile, vain, fruitless

usual: regular, customary, habitual ⇒ common, normal



value: worth, importance, benefit, merit, virtue very: extremely, greatly, unusually, absolutely victory: triumph, conquest view: sight, glimpse, scene, vision violent: intense, destructive, vehement



walk: stroll, march, hike, stride, strut, trudge wander: roam, ramble, meander, stray, deviate

want: desire, crave ⇒ need

warm: lukewarm, tepid, heated → hot ⇒cool

warn: caution, alert ⇒ tell

weak: feeble, helpless, puny, delicate, fragile, flimsy → strong wet: soaked, drenched ⇔ damp

wide-awake: alert, attentive

wild: untamed, fierce, ferocious, savage

wisdom: intelligence, understanding, knowledge, judgment

writer: author

woman: lady, girl, female work: labor, toil, effort, drudgery

wrong: incorrect, false, mistaken, inaccurate, erroneous



xylophone: marimba, vibraphone, glockenspiel yell: shout, scream, shriek, screech, bellow young: youthful, immature, juvenile zone: area, region, district

BRITISH - AMERICAN MINI DICTIONARY

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This mini dictionary lists the main differences between British and American English words. The numbers next to the words relate to homographs and meaning numbers so that you can find the entries in your Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English for more information.

British word

aerial²
aeroplane
aluminium
American football
anticlockwise

Arty athletics aubergine autumn Badge bank holiday (1)

barbecue
British word

American equivalent

antenna (2) airplane aluminum football (2) counterclockwise

artsy track and field eggplant fall² (4) button (3) holiday grill

American equivalent

barman bartender
barrister attorney
bath¹ (1) bathtub
binman garbage collector
biscuit (1) cookie

sth takes the biscuit
bookshop
boot¹ (3)
braces² (5)
brooch
sth takes the cake
bookstore
trunk (2)
suspenders
pin¹ (2b)

building society savings and loan association

bumper¹ (1) fender (1) bunker (3) sandtrap call box (2) phone booth camp bed cot (2) candy floss cotton candy car park (1) parking lot caravan (1) trailer janitor caretaker (1)

Casualty (3) emergency room not by a long chalk not by a long shot chat show talk show

chemist's drugstore

British word

cheque Check² (6)
chest of drawers dresser (2)
Chip¹ (3a) french fry
cinema movie theater
city centre downtown

American equivalent

coach¹ (3) bus¹
colour color
cooker (1) stove
coriander cilantro
cot (1) crib
cotton bud Q-tip

council estate housing project courgette zucchini crisp (1) potato chip

Many words that are spelt with -our in British English are spelt with -or in American English. eg. honour BrE honor AmE discolour BrE discolor AmE.

British word current account curriculum vitae / CV dialling code drawing pin dressing gown driving licence dual carriageway $dummy^{1}(3)$ dungarees (1) dust cart dustbin dustman duvet Elastoplast estate agent estate car exhaust² (1) facecloth

American equivalent checking account resume area code thumbtack robe¹ (2) /bathrobe driver's license divided highway pacifier (1) overalls ³ (2) garbage truck garbage can /trash can garbage collector comforter (2) Band-Aid realtor station wagon tail pipe $^{2}(3)$ washcloth

British word American equivalent

 $film^{1}(1)$ movie flannel¹ (2) washcloth $flat^2(1)$ apartment flatmate roommate (2) flipflops thongs (2) flyover (1) overpass football (1) soccer fresher freshman fringe '(1) bangs (bang²(3)) Full stop¹(1) period¹ (5) funfair carnival (2) garden | (1) yard (3) grill¹ (1) broil grill 2(1) broiler (1) guide dog seeing eye dog hall of residence Dormitory¹ (2) handbag purse¹ (3)

handbrake emergency brake
British word American equivalent

hardback hardcover
head teacher principal² (2)
hire '(1) rent' (3)
hockey (1) field hockey
holiday ² vacation ²
holidaymaker vacationer

housing estate Housing development

ice hockey hockey (2) ice lolly Popsicle

frosting (1) icing (1) confectioner's sugar icing sugar intermission interval (5) jelly (2) jam'(1) jewelry jewellery rummage sale jumble sale sweater jumper (1) curb 2 (2) kerb panties knickers (1) American equivalent **British** word mailbox (1) letterbox (2) level crossing grade crossing

Verbs that are spelt with -ise in British English are spelt with -ize in American English, although this spelling is also acceptable in British English. eg. organise BrE organize AmE realise BrE realize AmE

British word	American equivalent
$lift^2(1)$	elevator (1)
lucky dip (1)	grab bag (1)
managing director	president (3)
mangetout	snow pea
market garden	truck farm
maths	math
medical ²	physical ²
mince ²	ground beef
mudguard	fender (4)
muesli	granola
$\operatorname{mum}^{l}(1)$	mom
mummy	mommy
nappy	diaper

newsagent
newsreader
note¹ (5)
notice board
noughts and crosses
British word

number plate off-licence old age pension operating theatre overalls³ (3) pack of cards

packet (1)
parting¹ (2)
pavement (1)
paying-in slip
Pedestrian crossing
pensioner

petrol petrol station pinafore (1) plait

pocket money (1) porridge (1)

British word

post² postcode postman pram

presenter primary school puncture ! (1) pupil (1) purse ! (1) newsstand anchor bill¹ (3) bulletin board tick-tack-toe

American equivalent

license plate liquor store social security (2) operating room coveralls deck of cards $pack^{2}(2)$ part¹ (10) sidewalk deposit slip crosswalk senior citizen gasoline gas station jumper (2) braid allowance (4) oatmeal (2)

American equivalent

mail²
Zip code
mailman

baby buggy / carriage

announcer elementary school

flat² (2) student (1) change purse pushchair queue 1 (1) stroller line¹(22) queue railroad railway railroad station railway station severance pay redundancy pay get laid off be made redundant moving van removal van beltway ring road around 1 round 2 traffic circle roundabout 1 (1)

American equivalent **British** word

rowboat rowing boat eraser rubber (2)

Words that finish in -re in British English finish in er in American English, eg. epicentre BrE epicenter AmE theatre BrE theater AmE

American equivalent **British** word garbage (1) /trash¹ (1) rubbish¹ (1) sedan saloon car (2) salt shaker salt cellar scratch paper scrap paper expiration date sell-by date (1) Scotch tape sellotape store '(2) $shop^{1}(1)$ sales clerk shop assistant storekeeper shopkeeper near-sighted short-sighted (1) Dumpster $skip^{2}(2)$ jump rope skipping rope small ad want ad welfare (3) social security (1) stuffed animal soft toy attorney wrench ² (3) solicitor spanner (1)

speciality (1)

British word spring onion

stopover

be right up sb's street

swede sweet² (1) sweetcorn takeaway (1) tap¹ (1) in a team tea towel telltale² terraced house

tick¹ (1) tights (1) timetable ¹ (1) tin¹(2)

tin opener
Tipp-ex
British word

toilet (2) go to the toilet torch ¹ (1)

town centre trainer (2) tram trolley (1) trousers tyre

underground 3 (a)

vest' (1) waistcoat specialty (1)

American equivalent green onion / scallion

layover -

be right up sb's alley

rutabaga
candy
corn (2)
take-out (1)
faucet
on a team
dish towel
tattletale
row house
check² (9)
pantyhose
schedule¹ (2)
can (1)

whiteout
American equivalent

bathroom (2) go to the bathroom

flashlight downtown sneaker streetcar cart¹ (2) pants (1) tire subway (2)

can opener

subway (2) undershirt vest¹ (2) at the weekend wendy house windscreen zebra crossing zip'(1)

American word Airplane be right up

sb's alley allowance (4)

aluminum anchor announcer antenna (2) apartment area code around ^l artsy attorney

baby buggy / carriage

Band-Aid

bangs (bang ² (3))

bartender

American word

bathrobe bathroom (2) button ' (3) go to the bathroom

bathtub beltway bill¹ (3) on the weekend play house windshield crosswalk zipper

British equivalent

aeroplane be right up sb's street

pocket money (1)

aluminium newsreader presenter aerial² flat²(1) dialling code round ² arty barrister / solicitor pram

pram
Elastoplast
fringe '(1)
barman

British equivalent

dressing gown toilet (2) badge go to the toilet bath ¹ (1) ring road note ¹ (5) bookstore braid broil broiler (1) bulletin board bus¹

sth takes the cake can (1) can opener

candy carnival (2) cart' (2)

American word

change purse check² (6) check² (9) checking account cilantro

color comforter (2) confectioner's sugar

cookie corn (2) cot (2) cotton candy counterclockwise coveralls crib

crosswalk curb ² (2)

deck of cards

American word
deposit slip
diaper
dish towel

bookshop plait grill¹ (1) grill² (1) notice board coach¹(3)

sth takes the biscuit tin¹ (2) tin opener sweet² (1) funfair

funfair trolley (1)

British equivalent purse¹ (1)

cheque
tick¹(1)
current account
coriander
colour
duvet
icing sugar
biscuit (1)
sweetcorn

camp bed candy floss anticlockwise overalls ³ (3) cot (l)

pedestrian/zebra crossing

kerb

pack of cards
British equivalent
paying-in slip
nappy
tea towel

Many words that are spelt with -our in British English are spelt with -or in American English. eg. honour BrE honor AmE discolour BrE discolor AmE

American word divided highway dormitory¹ (2) Downtown dresser (2) driver's license Drugstore Dumpster Eggplant elementary school elevator (1) emergency brake emergency room Eraser expiration date $fall^2(4)$ Faucet Fender (1) Fender (4) American word field hockey Flashlight $flat^2(2)$ football (2) french fry Freshman frosting (1) garbage (1) garbage can garbage collector British equivalent dual carriageway hall of residence city centre/town centre chest of drawers driving licence Chemist's $skip^{2}(2)$ aubergine Primary school $lift^{2}(1)$ handbrake Casualty (3) rubber (2) sell-by date (1) Autumn tap1 (1) bumper¹ (1) mudguard British equivalent hockey (1) torch¹ (1) puncture¹ (1) American football chip¹ (3a) Fresher icing (1) Rubbish¹ (1)

Dustbin

binman/dustman

garbage truck gas station gasoline get laid off grab bag (1)

grade crossing granola green onion American word

grill ground beef hardcover hockey (2) holiday

housing development housing project intermission janitor jelly (2) jewelry jump rope jumper (2) layover license plate line (2) liquor store mail²

American word mailbox (1) mailman math mom mommy dust cart petrol station petrol

be made redundant lucky dip (1) Level crossing muesli spring onion British equivalent

barbecue mince 2 hardback ice hockey Bank holiday (1) housing estate council estate interval (5) caretaker (1) Jam¹(1) jewellery skipping rope pinafore (1) stopover number plate Queue (1) off-licence post1

British equivalent letterbox (2) postman maths mum (1) mummy Verbs that are spelt with -ise in British English are spelt with -ize in American English, although this spelling is also acceptable in British English, eg. organise *BrE* organize *AmE* realise *BrE* realize *AmE*

American word

Movie movie theater moving van near-sighted newsstand oatmeal (2) on a team operating room overalls 3 (2) overpass pacifier (1) $pack^{2}(2)$ panties pants (1) pantyhose parking lot part^T (10) period ' (5) American word phone booth physical² pin' (2b) play house Popsicle potato chip president (3)

principal² (2) purse ¹ (3)

British equivalent

film' (1) cinema removal van short-sighted (1) newsagent porridge (1) in a team operating theatre dungarees (1) flyover (1) dummy (3) packet (1) knickers (1) trousers tights (1) car park (1) parting '(2) full stop '(1) British equivalent call box (2) medical² brooch wendy house ice lolly crisp (1)

managing director

head teacher

handbag

Q-tip realtor rent' (3) resume

robe (2) roommate (2) row house rowboat rummage sale

American word

rutabaga railroad ' railroad station sales clerk salt shaker sandtrap

savings and loan association

scallion schedule (2) Scotch tape scratch paper sedan

seeing eye dog senior citizen severance pay not by a long shot

sidewalk American word

sneaker snow pea soccer

social security (2) specialty (1)

cotton bud estate agent hire Ml)

curriculum vitae/CV dressing gown flatmate terraced house rowing boat jumble sale

British equivalent

swede railway railway station shop assistant salt cellar bunker (3) building society spring onion timetable (1) Sellotape scrap paper saloon car (2) guide dog pensioner redundancy pay not by a long chalk pavement (1)

British equivalent trainer (2) mangetout football (1)

old age pension speciality (1)

Words that finish in -re in British English finish in -er in American English, eg. epicentre BrE epicenter AmE theater AmE

American word

station wagon store (2) storekeeper stove streetcar stroller student (1) stuffed animal subway (2) suspenders

sweater tail pipe take-out (1) talk show tattletale thongs (2) thumbtack

tick-tack-toe American word

tire track and field traffic circle trailer trash' (1) trash can truck farm trunk (2) undershirt vacation ²

British equivalent

estate car shop (1) shopkeeper cooker (1) tram pushchair pupil (1) soft toy

underground ³ (a) braces ² (5) jumper (1) exhaust ² (1) takeaway (1) chat show telltale ² flipflops drawing pin noughts and crosses

British equivalent

tyre
athletics
roundabout¹ (1)
caravan (1)
rubbish (1)
dustbin
market garden
boot (3)
vest (1)
holiday ²

vacationerholidaymakervest' (2)waistcoatwant adsmall adwashclothfacecloth/flannel¹ (2)

on the weekend at the weekend welfare (3) social security (1)

whiteout Tipp-ex windshield windscreen American word British equ

American word
wrench 2 (3)
yard (3)
Zip code
zipper
zucchini

British equivalent
spanner (1)
garden ' (1)
postcode
zip 1 (1)
courgette

Words that are spelt with -ae or -oe in British English are often spelt just with an -e in American English. eg. encyclopaedia BrE encyclopedia AmE oestrogen BrE estrogen AmE

IRREGULAR VERBS

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verb	past tense	past participle
abide	abided, abode	abided
arise	arose	arisen
awake	awoke, awakened	awoken
bear	bore	borne
beat	beat	beaten
become	became	become
beget	begot (also begat bibl)	begotten
begin	began	begun
behold	beheld	beheld
bend	bent	bent
bereave	bereft, bereaved berelt,	bereaved
beseech	besought, beseeched	besought, beseeched
verb	past tense	past participle
beset	beset	beset
bet	bet, betted	bet, betted
bid	bade, bid	bid, bidden
bind	bound	bound
bite	bit	bitten
bleed	bled	bled
bless	blessed, blest	blessed, blest
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
breed	bred	bred
bring	brought	brought
broadcast	broadcast	broadcast
browbeat	browbeat	browbeaten
build	built	built
burn	burned, burnt	burned, burnt
burst	burst	

bust verb	(BrE) bust, (esp AmE) busted past tense	(BrE) bust, (esp AmE) busted past participle
buy cast catch chide choose cleave cling come cost creep cut deal dig dive do draw dream verb	bought cast caught chided, chid chose cleaved, cleft, clove clung came cost crept cut dealt dug dived, (AmE) dove did drew dreamed, dream past tense	bought cast caught chid, chidden chosen cleaved, cleft, cloven clung come cost crept cut dealt dug dived done drawn dreamed, dreamt past participle
drink drive dwell eat fall feed feel fight find flee fling	drank drove dwelt, dwelled ate fell fed felt fought found fled flung	drunk driven dwelt, dwelled eaten fallen fed felt fought found fled flung

fly flew flown forbid forbade, forbad forbidden forecast forecast forecast foreseen foresee foresaw foretell foretold foretold forget forgot forgotten past participle verb past tense

forgiveforgaveforgivenforegoforewentforegoneforesakeforsookforsakenforswearforsworeforswornfreezefrozefrozen

get got (also gotten AmE)

gird girded, girl girded, girt give gave given go went gone grind ground grow grew grown

hang hung, hanged hung, hanged had had have heard heard hear heave heaved, hove heaved, hove hide hid hidden, hid hit hit hit hold held held

verb past tense past participle

hurt hurt hurt

input inputted, input inputted, input inset, inset, insetted interbreed interbred interbred

interweave interwove interwoven kept kept keep kneel knelt, (esp AmE) knelt, (esp AmE) kneeled kneeled knit knitted, knit knitted, knit knowknew known laid laid lay led led lead lean leaned (also leant esp Br leaned (also leant esp BrE) leapt, (esp AmE) leaped leapt, leap (esp AmE) leaped learn learned, learnt learned, learnt leave left left lend lent lent past tense past participle verb let let let lie lay lain lit, lighted lit, lighted light lose lost lost

make made made mean meant meant meet met met miscast miscast miscast misheard misheard mishear mislay mislaid mislaid mislead misled misled misread misread misread

misspell misspelled misspelle, misspelled

mistake mistook mistaken

misunderstood misunderstand misunderstood mowed mown, mowed mow outbid outbid outbid verb past tense past participle outdo outdid outdone outgrow outgrew outgrown outride outrode outridden outrun outran outrun outsell outsold outsold outshine outshone outshone overbear overbore overborne overcast overcast overcast overcome overcame overcome overdo overdid overdone overdraw overdrew overdrawn overeat overate overeaten overhung overhang overhang overhear overheard overheard overload overloaded overloaded, overladen overpay overpaid overpaid override overrode overridden verb past participle past tense overun ovoran overun oversee oversaw overseen oversell oversold oversold overshoot overshot overshot oversleep overslept overslept overtake overtook overtaken overthrow overthrew overthrown partake partook partaken paid pay paid

	pled	pled	
prove	proved	proved (also proven	
		AmE)	
put	put	put	
read	read	read	
rebind	rebound	rebound	
rebuild	rebuilt	rebuilt	
recast	recast	recast	
redo	redid	redone	
verb	past tense	past participle	
relay	relaid	relaid	
remake	remade	remade	
rend	rent	rent	
repay	repaid	repaid	
rerun	reran	rerun	
resell	resold	resold	
reset	reset	reset	
resit	resat	resat	
rethink	rethought	rethought	
rewind	rewound	rewound	
rewrite	rewrote	rewritten	
rid	rid, ridded	rid, ridded	
ride	rode	ridden	
ring	rang	rung	
rise	rose	risen	
run	ran	run	

sawed say said past tense verb

see saw sought sold seek sell

saw

past participle

sawn, sawed

seen sought sold

said

send sent sent set set set sew sewed sewn, sewed shake shook shaken shorn, sheared sheared shear shed shed shed shone, shined shone, shined shine

shine shone, shined shone, shined shit shit, shat shit, shat shoe shod shoot shot show showed shown, showed

shrink shrank, shrunk shut shut shut sing sang sung sink sank, sunk sunk

verb past tense past participle

sit sat sat slay slew slain sleep slept slept slide slid slid sling slung slung slink slunk slunk slit slit slit

smelled smelt smelled smelt smell sowed sown, sowed sow speak spoke spoken speed sped, speeded sped, speeded spell spelt, spelled spelt, spend spent spent spilt, spill spilt, spilled spun, span spin spun

spit spat (also spit AmE) spat (also spit AmE)

split split split

verb	past tense	past participle
spoil	spoiled, spoilt	spoiled, spoilt
spread	spread	spread
spring	sprang (also sprung AmE)	sprung
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen
stick	stuck	stuck
sting	stung	stung
stink	stank, stunk	stunk
stride	strode	stridden
strike	struck	struck
string	strung	strung
strive	strove, strived	striven, strived
swear	swore	sworn
sweep	swept	swept
swell	swelled	swollen, swelled
swim	swam	swum
swing	swung	swung
verb	past tense	past participle
take	took	taken

understand understood understood undertaken undertook undertake underwrote underwritten underwrite undo undid undone unwoundunwind unwoundpast participle past tense verb

upheld upheld uphold upset upset upset woke, waked woken, waked wake worn wore wear woven wove weave wedded, wed wedded, wed wed wept wept weep wetted, wet wetted, wet wet won win won wound wound wind withdrew withdrawn withdraw witheld withold witheld with stoodwithstand withstood wrung wrung wring

wrote

write

written

GIRLS' NAMES

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Abigail Alexandra

Alice

Amanda

Amy

Andrea

Angela

Anne/Ann

Anna

Ashley

Barbara

Beth/bee

Brenda Brittany

Carla

Carole/Carol

Caroline

Catherine

Charlotte Chloe

Christina

Christine

Cindy

Claire/Clare

Claudia

Connie

Danielle

Dawn

Deborah

Denise

Diana

Diane

Donna

Dorothy Elaine

Eleanor

Elizabeth

Ellen

Emily

Emma Gail

Gillian

Hannah Hayley/Haley

Hazel

Heather

Helen

Helena

Holly

Jade

Jacqueline

Jane

Janice

Jasmin

Jean

Jennifer

Jessica

Joan

Joanna

Joanne

Jody

Julia

Julie

Kaitlyn

Karen Kate

Katherine

Kelly

Kendra

Kerry

Kim

Kirsty

Kristen

Laura

Lauren

Lisa Lorna

Louise

Lucy

Lynn/Lynne

Mandy Marcia

Margaret

Maria

Mary

Megan

Melissa

Mia

Michelle

Morgan

Nancy

Naomi

Natalie

Nicola

Nicole Nina

Paula

Rachel

Rebecca

Rose

Samantha

Sara

Sarah

Sharon Sheila

Sheila
Shelley
Sophie
Stacey
Stephanie
Susan
Suzanne
Tanya
Tina
Tracey
Victoria
Wendy
Whitney

Whitney Yvonnc

BOYS' NAMES

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Aaron

Adam

Adrian

Alan

Albert

Alexander

Andrew

Anthony

Arnold Arthur

Ashley

Austin

Barry

Ben

Benjamin

Bernard

Brad

Brandon Brian

Cameron

Carl

Charles

Christopher

Chuck

Cody

Colin

Craig

Curtis

Dale

Daniel

Darren

84

David

Dean

Dennis

Derek

Donald

Douglas Duncan Dylan

Edward

Eric

Francis

Frank

Gary

Gavin

Geoffrey

George Gerald

Gordon

Graham

Grant

Gregory

Guy

Henry

Howard

Hugh

Jan

Jack

Jacob

Jake

James

Jamie

Jason

Jesse

Joe

John

Jonathan

Jordan

Joseph

Joshua

Julian

Justin

Keith

Kenneth

Kevin

Kyle/ Kail Lawrence

Lee

Leonard Leslie

Lewis

Luke /link/

Marcus

Mark

Martin

Matthew

Michael

Nathan

Nicholas

Nigel Oliver

Owen

Patrick

Paul

Peter

Philip

Ralph Raymond

Richard

Robert

Robin

Roger Ronald

Ross

Rupert Ryan

Sam

Samuel Scott

Sean/Shaun

Simon

Stephen/Steven Stuart

Thomas/Tomos

Timothy Todd

Tony Travis

Trevor

Tyler Wayne

William Zachary